

AP INTERNATIONAL

KENT AND TATRO GET TOP POSTS

AP appointed **Thomas J.R. Kent** international editor, a new position combining AP's world desk that files copy to overseas points and its foreign desk that handles copy from its foreign correspondents for U.S. media.

Nicolas B. Tatro, 44, who has covered the Middle East for the AP since 1977, has been named deputy international editor. He is completing a year as a University of Michigan Journalism Fellow. He was bureau chief in Israel.

M. DAN MORRIS

TECHNICAL ALOHA

M. Dan Morris is home in Ithaca, NY after teaching his third annual technical writing short-course at the University of Hawaii.

Morris dined with **John Luter**, a former OPC president and dean of the journalism department and participated in a seminar on journalism

in China by two members of Xinhua, the official Chinese News Agency.

ASIA HANDS ACTIVE

AL KAFF FINDS OLD FRIENDS

Names make the news. So where are our old colleagues in the foreign press corps?

Last November, **Al Kaff** found friends who go back 40 years still drinking, eating and telling stories in the Foreign Correspondents Clubs of Tokyo and Hong Kong.

Some of them have been there since the Korean and Vietnam wars.

In Tokyo: **Pat Killen, Andrew Horvat, Ian Mutsu, Ed Conley, Gebhard Hielscher, Bernie Krishner, Ed Neilan, Jean Pearce, Murray Sayle, Sam Jameson, K.V. Narain and Al Cullison.**

In Hong Kong: **Charlie Smith, Hugh Van Es, Vernon Ram, Arnold Zeitlin, Paul Anderson, Bob Liu, Ronnie Ling, David Young** (Who died March 19) and accountant **Fred Fredricks**, who has been making

honest tax payers out of a generation of correspondents.

PRESS FREEDOM

DEADLINE CLUB CITES SCHORR

Norman A. Schorr was honored by the Deadline Club in New York for his many years as a press freedom champion.

Schorr is the chairman of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee which monitors restrictions and abuses against journalist throughout the world.

In accepting the Deadline Club award in March, Schorr said that with the press considered "not free or only partly free" in 96 countries, the prospects of continued abuse are strong.

AL LOUER

HEADS GIVING AT WILLIAMSBURG

Albert O. Louer, director of media relations at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation since 1982, has been named director of corporate and foundation giving.

JAPANESE CHALLENGE

BUSINESS WEEK RESPONSE

Bill Holstein, international edition editor of *Business Week*, spoke on challenges facing American business competing against Japan at a lecture attended by about 100 students and faculty at the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University in April.

He said the student escorts who met him at the Ithaca, N.Y. airport drove him to the campus in a Nissan automobile. "That's part of the problem," said Holstein, author of the 1990 book, *The Japanese Power Game: What It Means for America* (Scribners).

Share your activities. Overseas members: **Al Kaff, Cornell News Service, 840 Hanshaw Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Domestic members: Ralph Gardner, OPC, Suite 2116, 310 Madison Ave., New York NY 10017**

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May Panel: Yugoslav Future

With the death of Tito in 1980 and the more recent collapse of communism, the six republics of Yugoslavia—Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia—have been searching for a path into the future.

Conflicts threatening bloodshed or civil war are now characteristic of daily life there, reports **Mitja Mersol**, who writes for *Delos*, a leading Yugoslav daily. Merson, who is also president of the Foreign Press Association, will lead a discussion of developments in Yugoslavia at the OPC, 3 W. 51st St., at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30.

Each republic, generally reflecting a major ethnic group, has been fighting for some sort of independence in a hitherto centralized state and some have in place multi-party, democratic systems, notably Serbia and Slovenia.

Thursday, May 30, 5:30 p.m. Whither Yugoslavia discussion led by **Mitja Mersol** of *Delo*, a leading Yugoslav daily.

Thursday, June 27, 5:30 p.m. Board of Governors.

Thursday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. Election Results and Annual Membership Meeting.

Saturday, June 29 through Monday, July 15, 3 W. 51st St. closed for maintenance and cleaning.

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Guide To OPC Facilities

By **FRAN CARPENTIER**
House Chair

Here's a quick guide to the OPC's facilities for members and guests at 3 West 51st St. where the Club is headquartered within the National Women's Republican Club:

- **Breakfast** 7:30-10 a.m. Monday-Friday, Dining Room, 3rd floor. A la carte, \$2 to \$8 per item.

- **Lunch** noon-2 p.m. weekdays, Dining Room as well as in the less formal Pub on 2M. The same menu is served in both rooms. Prices \$8.95-\$18. The Dining Room also offers a salad bar.

- **Lighter bar menu**, Pub, 2-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Among the fare: boboli pizza, a fruit-and-cheese plate, buffalo chicken wings, smoked Nova Scotia salmon, coffee and all drinks.

- **Dinner** 5-8:30 p.m. (last order is taken at 8:15) Monday-Friday, the Pub.
- **Reservations** are always a good idea. Phone 212-582-5454.
- **Friday night festivities.** Members

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of the Lamb's Club, the theatrical/fraternal society which also uses 3 W. 51st St., hold forth in song and patter in The Pub every Friday evening 'til about 8 p.m. Many of the Lambs are Broadway and cabaret professionals, so this is an opportunity to enjoy cocktails and/or dinner in the company of real talent. The Pub is almost guaranteed to be full with loyal Lambs, so be sure to make reservations through the WNRC early in the week.

- **Sleeping rooms** available to OPCers and their families, friends and business associates. Rates for OPC members: Single, \$70 (\$81.97 including hotel and New York City and State tax); Double, \$80 (\$93.40); Guest-of-Club Member: Single \$85 (\$99.11); Double, \$99 (\$115.11). Make arrangements directly with the WNRC.

- **Lectures and other events** sponsored by the WNRC, including theater parties. Notices are posted at W. 51st St. To RSVP, call the person listed or Jamie Parilla at the WNRC: 582-5454.

- **Banquet rooms** are available to OPCers for personal or business meetings or parties. Fees: Library, \$150 (meeting only), \$125 for a meeting with food & beverage; the Lincoln Room, \$200 (meeting only), \$180 for a meeting with food & beverage.

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400 members and guests filled Grand Hyatt Ballroom for Annual Awards Dinner

OPC Honors Foreign Reporting

The Overseas Press Club of America honored foreign correspondents, editors and photojournalists during its 52nd Annual Awards Dinner at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan last month.

The theme was "The Media and the War." Peter Arnett of the Cable News Network was presented the President's Award by OPC President H. L. Stevenson in recognition of lifetime achievements in foreign reporting.

The awards were presented by Tom Brokaw of NBC News. Ted Turner, founder of CNN, and Bob Simon, CBS News, were featured speakers. OPC awards chair was Allan Dodds Frank of ABC News, and dinner chair was Anita Diamant. Winners:

- **Class 1. Hal Boyle Award** for Best Daily Newspaper or Wire Service Re-

porting from Abroad, sponsored by AT&T (\$1000): **Geraldine Brooks** and **Tony Horwitz**, *Wall Street Journal*, "Coverage of the Persian Gulf Crisis." Citation: **Serge Schmemann**, New York Times, "Germany."

- **Class 2. Bob Considine Award** for Best Daily Newspaper or Wire Service Interpretation of Foreign Affairs, sponsored by King Features Syndicate (\$1000): **Michael Dobbs**, Washington Post, "Collapse of the Soviet Empire." Citation: **Christopher Marquis**, Miami Herald, "Latin American Beat."

- **Class 3. Robert Capa Gold Medal** for Best Photographic Reporting or Interpretation from Abroad Requiring Exceptional Courage & Enterprise, sponsored by Life magazine (plus \$1000): **Bruce Haley**, Black Star for *U.S. News & World Report*, "Burma's Ethnic War."

- **Class 4. Best Photographic Reporting From Abroad—** a) for Magazines and/or books, **The Olivier Rebbot Award** Sponsored by *Newsweek* (\$1000 and a plaque): **Christopher Morris**, Black Star for *Time*, "London Poll Tax Riots & Liberian Civil War." Citation: **James Nachtwey**, Magnum for *New York Times Magazine*, "Romania's Lost Children."

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Nomination Deadline For OPC Board

A nominating committee has proposed candidates for seven Active and one Associate openings on the OPC Board of Governors.

An election will be held later in the year after biographies of the candidates appear in the *OPC Bulletin*.

Additional nominations may be made by petition under OPC By-Laws. Each petition must have the signatures of no fewer than 40 eligible members, active or associate, depending on the nominees' classification.

Each petition must be delivered in person to the secretary or postmarked no later than May 17.

The committee's candidates:

Active

George Bookman, Myrna Blyth, **George Burns**, **Fred Ferguson**, **William Holstein**, **Jackie Leo**, **Rosalind Massow**, **John Polich**, **Dwight Sargent**, **Norman Schorr**, **Charles Schreiber**, **David Shefrin**, **Jacqueline Simon**, **Stephen Smith**.

Associate

Cliff Spieler, **John Fallon**. The nominating committee was chaired by **Marjorie Longley** and included **Jean Baer**, **John Corporon**, **Herbert Kupferberg**, **John McArthur**, **Raymond K. Price**, **Richard Stolley**.

"Whither Yugoslavia" panel May 30 at 3 W. 51st St. See CALENDAR, P. 6.

Ted Turner Wins In Class Of His Own: Rapartee

By FRED FERGUSON

Ted Turner was telling at the OPC Annual Awards Dinner how CNN just grew and grew except in Australia, which resisted its onslaught until recently.

"We always treated people with respect. If they didn't want us, we didn't go in."

But mostly they did, he said. "So now we've got the WHOLE world on our side."

There was only the hint of a gloat in Turner's "aw shucks" drawl, drawing roars of laughter from the throng.

Actually, he said, he'd always had a sixth sense about when big things were going to happen. Like when the Gulf War got going.

"I was at Jane Fonda's house. I got up and turned the TV on. I was going to the bathroom. It was 4 o'clock in the morning. And there the war was on CNN."

The war was brought to TV house-

holds courtesy of the new technology that enabled CNN to win its coverage coup. Not that Ted wanted to knock his competitors, he said.

"CBS and ABC had their own lines out of Baghdad, too, and I didn't even know what a four-line phone was until the day after we (CNN) were using it to get out the news when they couldn't. They knew how to do it but they didn't."

He said it was important to be prepared, something "we (CNN) got good at" because war could break out at any time. "I always used to worry when President Reagan... when he was going to bed... and bending over taking off his shoes... and he had that red button right there... if he had a stroke or something..."

Peter Arnett, Bob Simon and Tom Brokaw all drew a laugh or two, too, but Ted Turner was a clear-cut winner in the after-dinner humor category.



Turner with Allan Dodds Frank, left, & OPC Pres. H. L. Stevenson, right.

1991 OPC Award Dinner

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-b) for Newspapers and/or Wire Services, sponsored by Eastman Kodak Professional Photography Division. Winner: Greg Marinovich, Associated Press, "A Violent Death in Soweto." Citations: Viorel Florescu, *Newsday*, "My Romania" and Sacha Zemlianichenko, Associated Press, "Unrest in the Soviet Union."

Class 5. Ben Grauer Award for Best Daily Spot Radio News from Abroad: Rich Lamb, WCBS Radio News, "Rich Lamb in Saudi Arabia."

Class 6. Lowell Thomas Award for Best Radio Interpretation or Documentary on Foreign Affairs, Sponsored by Capital Cities/ABC Inc. (\$1000): Alex Chadwick, National Public Radio, "Natasha Dudinska: Hope & Courage in Czechoslovakia." Citation: Ed Hula, Peach State Public Radio, "Nicaragua Journal: The Georgia Connection."

Class 7. Best TV Spot News Reporting From Abroad: Bob Simon, CBS Evening News with Dan Rather, for "Reports from the Frontline" and Brian Ross & Ira Silverman, NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, "Nuclear Trigger."

Class 8. Edward R. Murrow Award for the Best TV Interpretation or Documentary on Foreign Affairs, Sponsored By CBS News (\$1000): Ted Koppel and Phyllis McGrady, ABC News, The Koppel Report, "Death of a Dictator." Citation: Peter Jennings, Tom Yellin, Leslie Cockburn, Stuart Schwartz, ABC News, Peter Jennings Reporting, "A Line in the Sand" and "From the Killing Fields."

Class 9. Ed Cunningham Award for Best Magazine Reporting from Abroad. Sponsored by the Overseas Press Club Foundation (\$500): Peter McGrath and Team, *Newsweek*, "The Gulf Crisis." Citation: Gustavo Goritti, *New York Times Magazine*, "Terror in the Andes: Flight of the Ashanikas."

Class 10. Hallie & Whit Burnett Award for Best general Magazine Story from Abroad. Sponsored by the Overseas Press Club Foundation (\$500): Louise Lief, *U.S. News & World Report*, "The Most Dangerous Man in the World." Citation: editors & correspondents, *Time*, "Man of the Decade."

Class 11. Best Cartoon on Foreign Affairs, Sponsored by the New York *Daily News* (\$500): Mike Peters, *Dayton Daily News*, "Cartoons by Peters." Citation: William J. Costello, *Lowell Sun*, editorial cartoons.



Bob Simon, CBS, right, who shared the award for Best Spot TV News Reporting From Abroad, and Norman Schorr, chair of the Freedom of the Press committee.

Class 12. Best Business and/or Economic Reporting from Abroad - a) for Magazines, the Morton Frank Award (\$1000): Fiametta Rocco, *Institutional Investor*, "The Banker in the Bunker." Citation: David Fairlamb, *Institutional Investor*, a three part story on Eastern Europe.



Peter Arnett, left, who received the President's Award, & Tom Brokaw, who presented all the other awards.

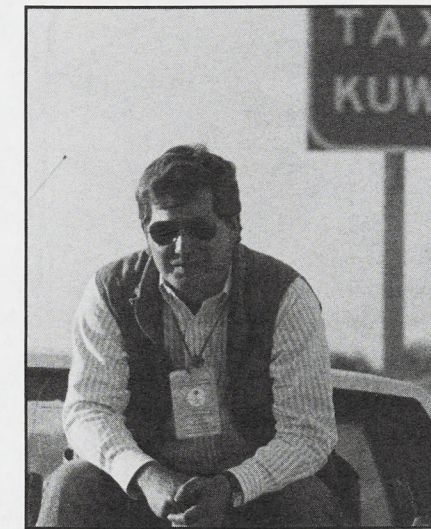
the Human Condition (\$1000): Tom Jarriel, correspondent, Janice Tomlin, ABC News 20/20, "Nobody's Children: The Shame of a Nation." Citation: Debbie Sontag, *Miami Herald*, exposé of children in Haiti victimized in indentured servitude.

Class 15. Eric and Amy Burger Award for best entry dealing with human rights. Sponsored by the Burger Estate (\$1000): Jon Sawyer, St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, "After Apartheid." Citation: Stone Phillips, correspondent, and Jonathan Talmadge, producer, ABC News 20/20, "The Island of Lost Souls."

Class 16. Best award or interpretation in print by a foreign correspondent in the United States, for a publication outside the United States. Sponsored by ITT Corporation (\$1000). No award presented for 1990.

The President's Award for distinguished service in the field of journalism: Peter Arnett, CNN, in recognition of distinguished reporting from many parts of the world, including coverage of nearly a score of wars and conflicts, from Vietnam in the 1970's to Baghdad, Iraq, where for many days in early 1991, he provided consistently outstanding dispatches on life in the beleaguered nation.

Photographer Captured By Iraqis Recalls Plight Of 40 Journalists



Todd Buchanan before his capture.

Todd Buchanan, one of 40 journalists taken prisoner when they sought to cover the insurrection in Iraq, said they suffered from filth, hunger and lack of food but were treated as well as their captors.

Buchanan, a photographer for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, said some Iraqi soldiers were sympathetic to their plight although others stole their equipment, vehicles and clothing.

Buchanan, in a telephone interview with the *Inquirer* following his release after seven days' captivity, said that at one point and Iraqi colonel obtained live chickens for them when the group pleaded for food. He said the chickens were promptly cooked over an open fire and eaten.

For the most part, the journalists were provided the same meager rations and lived in the same squalid conditions as Iraqi soldiers who insisted on referring to them as their "guests."

Buchanan was among 31 journalists in a convoy who crossed U.S. lines to cover civil unrest in Basra and were captured March 3. Nine other journalists were taken prisoner later and placed

in the group.

Taken to Baghdad and released, the group included 11 Americans, 17 French, three Italians, two Britons, two Norwegians, two Brazilians, a Spaniard, an Uruguayan and an Irish journalist.

Buchanan said the journalists sought to cover the insurrection after U.S. military restraints precluded their covering the war.

"We had the opportunity to actually get out and see something," he said.

Courtesy *Philadelphia Inquirer*

Freelance Marketplace

Members available for freelance assignments may submit a brief item to inform readers who make assignments of their availability.

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Homer Bigart

By BARRETT MCGURN

Former member Homer Bigart, 83, died in April in Portsmouth, N.H. He had been hospitalized for two months with cancer. Bigart won two Pulitzers and OPC, George Polk, Meyer Berger, and Page One awards. He wrote for the *Herald Tribune*, where he worked from 1929 to 1955, and the New York *Times* until his retirement in 1972.

His death takes from us one of the very great reporters of this century. When I joined the *Herald Tribune* in 1935 as a copy boy, Homer was already a legend.

One story, possibly apochryphal, was an account of his career as head copy boy.

An order of his was ignored by one of his minions and Homer flattened him across the city desk. Homer was reprimanded: "first corporal punishment is not allowed; second, if absolutely necessary, not on the city desk!"

Homer gained a well-earned reputation for courage. When George Polk of CBS was murdered during the Greek civil war of the 1940's trying to get the Communist side of the story, Homer flew from Athens to Rome where he asked me to tell the *Herald Tribune* that he was off on an assignment of his choice, then he flew into Yugoslavia and from there reached the Greek Communist guerillas through "the backdoor."

McGurn was OPC president 1963-65 and H-T bureau chief in Rome, Paris and Moscow 1946-1962.